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1. Prior to 18 February 1951, the border guard battalion in Dolni Zandov (N 51/P 46) was subordinate to the border guard brigade in Plana (N 51/P 55). The brigade headquarters was located in a four-story, U-shaped castle at the northern edge of Plana. It was commanded by SNB Captain Hromadko, (fnu), and, according to statements by soldiers, it controlled five PS battalions. A company commander said that the brigade was subordinate to Unit Utvar No 9600 in Prague.
2. The battalion in Dolni Zandov had one company in Oldrichov (Ulrichsgruen - N 50/P 46), another company in Dylen (Tillenberg), about 3 km southeast of Oldrichov, and a third company in Mohelno (Neumugl - N 50/P 45). Other companies of undetermined subordination were located in Mytina (Albenreuth - (N 51/P 36), Palin (N 51/P 36), Tri Sekery (N 50/P 56) and Lesna (Schoenwalde - N 50/P 43). *
3. The companies in Oldrichov and Dylen numbered 47 and 50 soldiers respectively. About 80 percent of the personnel were Slovaks. Each company was armed with German model 98-N rifles, three model 26 light machine guns and models 48-A and 48-B submachine guns. The use of the designation "model 48" was officially forbidden. The submachine guns were to be referred to as models 23. The gas protective equipment consisted of German gas masks.
4. Some of the personnel of the border guard brigade in Plana came from Inf Regt Utvar No 5208 in Marianske Lazne (N 50/P 56). About 1,200 recruits were inducted into this regiment on 1 October 1950. Eight hundred of them were organized into four companies of 200 each. According to officers, these companies belonged to the II Bn. Two of the companies remained in Marianske Lazne while the two others were transferred to Chodova Plana (N 50/P 55) on 14 October 1950. For training at squad and platoon level, they moved from Chodova Plana to Plana on 30 November 1950, still being components of Unit Utvar No 5208. Border guard training and firing practice began in Dolni Zandov on 15 December 1950. **

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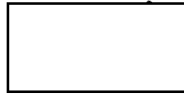
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5. A unit of about 150 women who were SNB members was observed in a barracks installation at Nejdek (N 51/K 50) in September 1950. ***

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* Comment. The information confirms the PS brigade headquarters in Plana and the subordinate PS battalion in Dolni Zandov.

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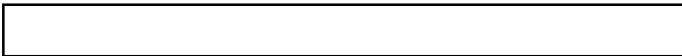


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*** Comment. A school for female SNB members is known to be located in Nejdek.

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